

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 8, and 12 are independent claims.

New Claims

Claims 8-15 have been added by the Amendment filed on August 14, 2003. These claims are patentable over the applied art of record. For instance, independent claims 8 and 12 require, *inter alia*, "displaying, on a screen of the television device, a channel icon corresponding to the selected new channel during a time period in which the television device processes the new channel selection and accesses a program of the selected new channel to display the program on the screen".

These features are neither taught nor suggested by Gerba et al. as discussed in the prior Amendment. Gerba et al. displays the program of the selected channel on the screen and then displays banner information pertaining to the selected channel.

In contrast, in Applicant's embodied invention, the channel icon of the newly selected channel is displayed on the screen before the program of the selected channel is displayed on the screen, i.e., during a time period in which the television device processes the new channel selection and accesses a program of the selected new channel.

Dependent claims 9-11 and 13-15 are also allowable at least for the same reasons that their independent claims 8 and 12, respectively, are allowable as discussed herein.

Accordingly, an early indication of allowance of the new claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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